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FOR PRATT BIRD

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP (CARTER, JIMMY) US, NATO, PO
SUBJ: EANES-CARTER BILATERAL

1. I MET PRIVATELY AT NOON TODAY WITH PRESIDENT EANES TO DISCUSS PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH THE TIMING AND VENUE OF THE BILATERAL WITH PRESIDENT CARTER. I EXPLAINED WHY TIMES AND SITES COULD NOT BE CHANGED AT THIS LATE DATE AND CONVEYED PRESIDENT CARTER'S STRONG PERSONAL INTEREST IN MEETING WITH PRESIDENT EANES, STRESSING THE IMPORTANCE OF THE MEETING FOR OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS.

2. EANES RESPONDED THAT THIS WAS NOT A PROTOCOL PROBLEM BUT A POLITICAL PROBLEM. PERSONALLY, HE EMPHASIZED, HE WOULD BE DELIGHTED TO MEET WITH PRESIDENT CARTER "AT ANY TIME AND ANY PLACE." A MEETING AT WHITFIELD HOUSE, HOWEVER, WOULD ENEVITABLY BE EXPLOITED BY THE ENEMIES OF DEMOCRACY IN PORTUGAL AS OBSEQUIOUSNESS TO THE UNITED STATES AND EVIDENCE THAT THE PORTUGUESE HAD KNUCKLED UNDER IN PAYMENT FOR GENEROUS U.S. ASSISTANCE.

3. PRESIDENT EANES STILL HOPES THAT PHOTOS AND THREE-TO-FIVE
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MINUTE SESSION WITH PRESIDENT CARTER CAN BE ARRANGED SOMETIME DURING NAC SESSION. HE SAID HE WOULD BE AT PRESIDENT CARTER'S ENTIRE DISPOSITION DURING SESSION. UPON ARRIVAL OF EANES PARTY, LUIS MARTINS, EANES'S DIPLOMATIC AIDE, WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH PRATT BIRD OF EMBASSY TO DISCUSS POSSIBILITIES.
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